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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

EX GERMAN WARSHIPS.

HOW THEY ARE ALLOCATED.

London, May 3.
In the House of Commons, replying to Viscount Curzon, Sir James Craig stated that the allocation of ex-German warships so far decided on was—British, six warships and 124 submarines; France, two warships and 38 submarines; Japan, three warships and no submarines; United States, two warships and no submarines; Italy, no warships and seven submarines.
Britain, furthermore, would take the ships sunk at Scapa Flow as part of her share, namely, ten battleships, five battle-cruisers, five light cruisers and 33 destroyers. The allocation of the remaining 12 light cruisers, 59 destroyers and 50 torpedo-boats would depend on France's and Italy's selections from the Austrian ships to be surrendered.
Mr. G. Lambert:—Will these ships be broken up?
Sir James Craig replied that that was question of policy which he could not answer.

THE INDEMNITY BILL.

SOME LEGAL POINTS.

London, May 3.
In the House of Commons, in moving the Second Reading of a Bill for indemnification against the consequences of acts done in connection with war duties and also for the validation of certain laws and military and other sentences, Sir Edward Pollock said, inter alia, that it was desirable for the purpose against possible acts in such places as German South-West Africa, New Guinea, Samoa, German East Africa and Togoland, especially between the time of actual surrender and the formal handing over of the territories to the mandatories. He pointed out that where a new territory was either taken over or mandated to by one of the Dominions it was possible for such Dominion itself to validate acts by persons subject to its jurisdiction. There might, however, be an indefinite period for which it was necessary to have the Imperial Parliament's sanction.
After considerable criticism on domestic points and promises by the Attorney General to accept concessions, the Committee, the Indemnity Bill was read a second time by 210 votes to 28.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

WHAT IS BEING DONE AT HOME.

London, May 3.
Mr. Bonar Law, addressing a meeting in the Guildhall for the purpose of introducing to the public a scheme of local bonds for housing, emphasised that the same strenuous effort and sacrifice were necessary after as during the war. If the nation did not make every effort to improve conditions it would be faced with a spirit of sullenness and even anger which would be fatal to trade, industry and credit. He mentioned that 180,000 housing proposals had been finally approved and more than 100,000 tenders had been approved. There were more than 30,000 houses in course of construction, but progress was held up owing to lack of financial support. He agreed as to the necessity of State support, as the local authorities were unable to bear the whole burden. He announced that the Government would give additional assistance to the poorer localities.

A BIG EMPIRE CORPORATION.

WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO OTHERS.

Paragrapn, May 4.
The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Montreal says that the combine of Canadian steel, coal and shipping interests is consummated and is the greatest economic development in Inter-Imperial history. It has a capital of \$100,000,000 and will be known as the Empire Steel Corporation. Its object is to associate Canada's iron and coal deposits with Britain's steelmaking experiences and financial resources. English interests are represented by Mr. Grant Morden, M.P. The Canadian properties acquired include the Dominion Steel Corporation, the country's greatest industry, and the principal Canadian shipbuilding properties and steamship lines.
Mr. Morden declares that the amalgamation will probably lead to other great Empire industrial partnerships, which he opines will consolidate the Empire and develop its resources to the fullest, putting the Empire as a whole in a position successfully to compete for trade in the world's markets. The Telegraph believes the Canadian Government approves of the step on these grounds.

THE POLISH OFFENSIVE.

25,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED.

Warsaw, May 3.
It is officially announced that Polish forces have gained possession of Fastoff military station and have captured 25,000 prisoners, 120 guns, 418 machine-guns and great quantities of material in the first five days of their offensive.
The Soviet Commissary for Foreign Affairs has proposed the opening of peace negotiations at Grodno or Dyalstok.
The Poles have been everywhere received with friendliness, especially at Jitomir.

KIEFF ENTERED.

New York, May 3.
The Associated Press correspondent at Warsaw says the Poles have entered Kieff.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

MORE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTIONS.

Wanganui, New Zealand, May 3.
The Prince of Wales has replied to addresses presented to him at various centres on his way when returning southwards along the west coast. Speaking at Hawera, the scene of past historic fighting between the Pakeha (white strangers) and the Maoris, the Prince of Wales said nothing had pleased him more in New Zealand than the evidence he found everywhere that the Pakeha and Maoris were now one people in devotion to the Dominion, Empire and King. Much enthusiasm was shown at Wanganui where the Prince inspected a large body of returned soldiers, nurses and cadets. He subsequently visited the Collegiate School where 300 boys gave him a vociferous welcome.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH SHIPPING STRIKE.

PASSENGERS HELD UP AT MARSEILLES.

Paris, May 3.
While the railway services continue practically normal owing to the help of loyalists and volunteers, the strike of seamen and dockers appears to be meeting with some success. For example, it is reported that all vessels at Marseilles have been abandoned by their crews and that over 2,000 passengers are stranded and thousands of tons of merchandise are deteriorating. The Government has taken measures to maintain these shipping services required for indispensable imports.
It is thought that the miners are unlikely to join the strike, as their demand for pensions for slate-quarriers on a similar scale to the miners has been granted.

A HEAVY BLOW.

London, May 4.
The reported fall of Kieff follows a remarkable series of successes by the combined forces of the Poles and Ukrainians which have resulted in an absolute debacle for the Bolsheviks. It is understood that General Pilsudski's forces entered Kieff on May 2. It is stated that the Bolsheviks were rushing up troops but the blow had fallen when the Red Armies were being converted into labour armies. It is likely profoundly to affect the situation on the southern front, where General Wrangel, with remnants of Denikin's forces, is already moving.
It is noteworthy that General Pilsudski is Poland's Foch and a popular hero who has striven all his life for Polish independence. Interviewed two months ago, he declared that the Bolsheviks were bad soldiers. The Pole was a far better man who had always beaten them. It was impossible for the Polish to be defeated.

JIM LARKIN.

CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL ANARCHY.

New York, May 3.
Jim Larkin, the leader of the great strike riots in Dublin in 1913, has been convicted of criminal anarchy and condemned to an indeterminate sentence of five to ten years' hard labour.

HONE CRICKET.

London, May 4.
Surrey beat Northants by 299 runs. Hobbs in the second innings made 114, the first century of the season.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

THE MILITARY AGREEMENT.

Shanghai, May 4.
The Foreign Affairs Committee of the State Department has decided at meeting to take two steps to deal with the China-Japanese Military Agreement:—1. The authority of territorial defence should declare to the Japanese authority that as peace has been restored with Germany and Austria, the Military Agreement no longer exists and China has liberty to withdraw her troops from Siberia. 2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should formally notify the Japanese Minister that the Military Agreement is null and void.

SHANGHAI RESTRICTIONS.

Shanghai, May 4.
At a meeting of the Diplomatic Body in Peking it was decided that no general political meetings will be allowed take place within the Shanghai Settlements, and sanction must be obtained from the Consular Body before any minor meetings, either private or public, are held. It was also decided that no seditious publications be allowed to be circulated in the Settlements.

(Other Early and Special Telegrams on Page 4.)

OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, April 13.

The impression gains ground since the advent of Mr. T. W. Lamont and party in connection with the formation of the proposed Consortium, that if the Japanese do enter it on the same terms as the others that there will be no Chinese wreck. For several days it has been felt that the Japanese would induce the Chinese to be the "goats," and there have not been lacking signs that this is so. When the distinguished banker arrived, it was announced that Chinese officials had decided to treat the Consortium proposition with coldness, and it was noteworthy that at the banquet given to Mr. Lamont and party at Waichai on the Chinese bankers of Peking what ever applause greeted his remarks came from the smaller men at the end of the tables and gradually worked its way towards the centre, but the official centre remained unmoved. In this connection it is not amiss to mention that Mr. Lamont in his speech drew attention to the appalling misrepresentation of the aims of the Consortium which had appeared in the Chinese press. Prior to his coming here he had endeavoured to gauge public and press opinion from the newspapers. It was astonishing that in places as far apart as Tientsin and Mukden there should appear simultaneously antagonistic versions upon the Consortium in almost identical language which, had it happened in the United States, would have impelled him to say that there was some hidden force actuating and inspiring such utterances.
Mr. Lamont has made it clear that the Consortium does not wish to fasten any set of enterprises upon the Chinese people and that it does not intend to interfere in Chinese politics. Without stating it too obviously, Mr. Lamont wishes the Chinese to understand that America and the allied nations contemplate an act of philanthropy to China. They have no other desire than to assist a financially embarrassed nation out of her difficulties. They have no occasion to come to China. There is plenty of outlet for investment elsewhere, but out of kindly consideration for China they wish to help her to rise to the great heights to which her well-wishers believe that she can rise. It is "up" to China to avail herself of the offer or not just as she pleases. Of course it must be understood that if the Consortium advances money to this country that it

must have some guarantee just as a private speculator or investor would wish. The exact form of this guarantee or security has yet to be worked out, but there is no reason why an investment cannot be reached which would not offend Chinese susceptibilities and at the same time provide the required check against the money being misapplied. The present is a unique opportunity for China. The press and the people should understand this. If they can be made to appreciate all that it involves, if they can be made to realise the richness of the promise held out to them in respect of the development of the latent wealth of the country, then, in the same way that they have deterred the authorities from negotiating with Japan respecting the return of Tsingtao, they will not allow the Government to pursue a policy which is not in the best interests of China.

It is decidedly unfortunate for China that at a period, when she is anxious to convince the Powers of the justice and the wisdom of abolishing extra-territoriality, so many striking instances of Chinese judicial methods should be made public. Both in Tientsin and in the capital, students, arrested for participating in demonstrations which, whatever their methods, were inspired by patriotic sentiments, have been held in jail for six weeks without having been brought to trial. On Tuesday the forty imprisoned students of Peking were brought up for trial at the High Court, and it is expected that the proceedings will last for several days.
Some three hundred students attended at the Court and demanded that they be arrested as they were equally guilty with their colleagues under trial. The Court decided to receive four delegates from the students and after hearing their petition for incarceration told the youthful patriots that there was no accommodation for so many prisoners. Finally the students had to disperse about five o'clock without having succeeded in getting themselves locked up, and next day the Court issued a proclamation stating that the request of the students was illegal and could not be entertained. This does not end the matter. The students intend to besiege the court daily clamouring for arrest. Truly a novel situation.

THE FOREGOING IS ALL THE MORE INTERESTING.

view of the fact that the first treaty in which China does not extend the privilege of extra-territoriality has just been concluded between this country and Bolivia. Uruguay has opened conversation with a view to treaty relations, and it is reported that Paraguay is also making like inquiries.
The Government appears to be pained that the students should have organised another strike and another expression of boycott activities, and have addressed telegrams to the provinces explaining that there is no intention on the part of the Government to negotiate direct with Japan concerning the return of Tsingtao.
An interesting visitor to Peking this week end was Mr. Charles Cheney, the President of the Silk Association of America, who is accompanied by several gentlemen interested in the Silk industry. They had an audience of the President to-day to whom they explained that prior to the war three-fourths of the silk required for America came from Europe but after the war they had to turn to the Far East from which they had previously drawn about a fourth of their raw silk. Japan embraced the opportunity thus given, improved her methods of cultivation, and increased her export to the United States practically seven-fold. China, however, remained stationary. The President evinced a warm interest in the subject and promised to go further the industry as much as possible. Mr. Cheney assured the President that America could take all China's exports if attention were only paid to certain details making for improvement.

The new British Minister to China, His Excellency Mr. Bieby Alston, arrived here this evening and was met at the station by members of the Legation and by a guard of honour furnished by the Indian troops. It is understood that he will go home shortly in order to be knighted by His Majesty the King.
An interesting experiment is to be tried in China. The San Wen Islands, which Italy wanted more than twenty years ago for a settlement, are to be declared a special administrative area in order to give opportunity to Chinese merchants returned from abroad to develop the islands.



THE SETTING CRESCENT

[A cable to hand yesterday stated that the Turkish peace delegates have departed for Paris to receive the Treaty.]

MARINE COURT REHEARING.

SOLICITOR'S APPEAL FAILS.

In the case of the crew of the s.s. Kazembe who were prosecuted before Captain Basil Taylor, Marine Magistrate, at the instance of the Captain of the vessel for unlawfully combining together to impede the navigation of the ship while she was in Manila on the 26th ultimo and convicted, with the exception of two of the defendants, it will be recalled that Mr. D'Almada Castro, applied on Monday for a re-hearing, on the ground that the conviction was bad in law and in fact. His points were—(1) that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant conviction and (2) that the Marine Court had no jurisdiction, inasmuch as Section 41 of the Ordinance 10 of 1899 repealed Section 225 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, because the former re-enacts the latter section, making it applicable only to ships in the waters of the Colony, and Section 225 of the Act therefore becomes inconsistent with the Colonial Ordinance as represented by Section 9 (5), and that the alleged offence was committed outside the waters of the Colony. Mr. D'Almada did not raise the point that the summons was brought under Section 9 of Ordinance 10 of 1899 in stead of under Section 225 of the merchant Shipping Act of 1896.
On the first point Captain Basil Taylor held that the evidence was sufficient, and with regard to (2) he gave his decision this morning. He said:—I hold that I have jurisdiction under the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894; that Section 225 of that Act is not inconsistent with Section 9 of Ordinance 10 of 1899, but amplifies it; and that the question is governed by Section 41 (2) (b) of Ordinance 10 of 1899, for, if the contention of Mr. D'Almada is correct (that Section 225 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 is inoperative in this Colony) then the crews of British ships are at liberty to commit any of the offences enumerated in Section 9 of Ordinance 10 of 1899, and in Section 225 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, elsewhere than in this Colony, and, if thereafter the ship arrives in the Colony (being the first British port of call after the commission of the offence) the master has no remedy in this Colony, but must wait till the arrival of the ship at a home port, where it is conceivable she will never go e.g. in the case of the large number of coasting steamers, which never go to England. But the contention that there is no jurisdiction in the present case, rendered quite untenable by the fact that Section 41 (1) of Ordinance 10 of 1899, upon which Mr. D'Almada relies, applies only to ships registered in the Colony, and the Kazembe is registered at North Shields.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 4s. 6 1/4 d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Rain. Barometer:—29.57. Temperature 2 p.m.:—79. Humidity 2 p.m.:—85.

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Reynolds Denniston Co. in "Baby Mine"—9.15 p.m.
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Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Entertainment, R.A. Theatre.—9.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8.

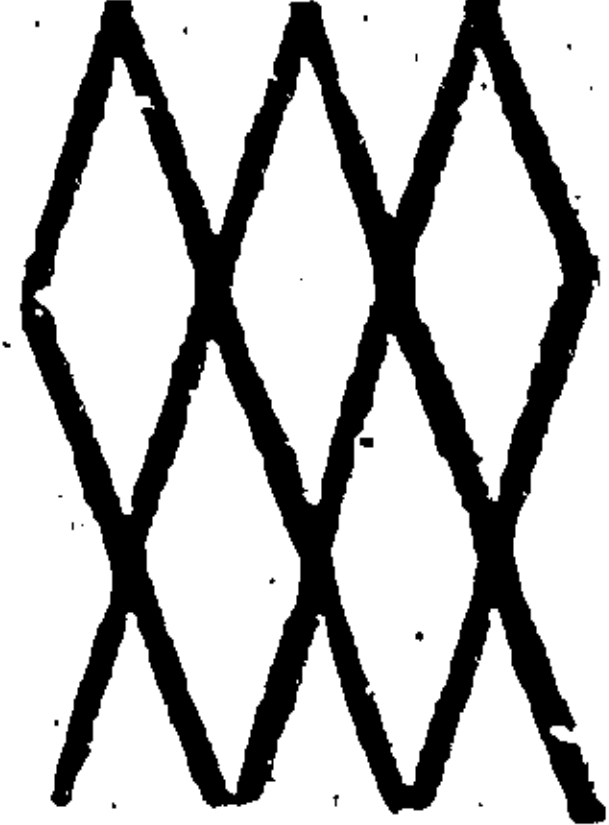
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SHANGHAI RACES.

UNEXPECTED DERBY RESULT.

Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, May 4.

In the second day's racing of the spring race meeting The Hawk, with Hill up, won the Chukaza Cup in 1:27.1, breaking a record which has stood since 1909.

Cockam, riding Comedy King, won the Derby, causing a big upset in calculations. Hill was second on Merlin and Vida third, on Langdon. Tynes, a hot favourite, was unplaced.

Of the three races in the morning Hill won two and a second place.

We are indebted to the Hongkong Club for the following results:

THE RACE CLUB CUP—Two miles.

Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Hawk (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Robinson's Sea Bird (Mr. Brand) 2

Messrs. Sky and Hacking's Mazurka (Mr. Stewart) 3

Time: 1 min. 18.1.5 sec.

THE SHANGHAI DERBY—One mile and a half.

Messrs. Potts and Hayman's Comedy King (Mr. Cockam) 1

Mr. W. McEwan's Langdon (Mr. Vida) 2

Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Hawk (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 1 min. 18.1.5 sec.

THE CHUKAZA CUP—Three quarters of a mile.

Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Hawk (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Robinson's The Dancing Bird (Mr. Brand) 2

Messrs. R. D. F. Bell and W. W. G. Ross' Jack Scott (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 1 min. 27.1.5 sec.

THE MONGOLIAN PLATE—Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Teddlie's Tee Emma (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Graydon's Jaunty Jack (Mr. Graydon) 2

Mr. Chapman's Galopin (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 1 min. 30.4.5 sec.

THE SICCAMEI CUP—One mile and a quarter.

Messrs. Potts and Hayman's Woodland King (Mr. Cockam) 1

Messrs. Toop and Gubbay's Sir Lamerock (Mr. Knoll) 2

Mr. Liddell's Gladiator (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 2 min. 34.4.5 sec.

THE GRAND STAND STAKES—One mile and a quarter.

Captain Bahner's Goldbird (Mr. Cockam) 1

Mr. Huth's Cape Horn (Mr. Huth) 2

Mr. W. S. Jackson's Mr. Jiggs (Mr. Huth) 3

Time: 2 min. 39.5.5 sec.

THE SHANGHAI STAKES—One mile and a half.

Messrs. Stephen and Burkh's Ryland (Mr. Brand) 1

Mr. John Peel's Silver Streak (Mr. Johnston) 2

Mrs. W. McBain's The Flyer (Mr. Vida) 3

Time: 3 min. 00.5.5 sec.

FINDING THE CAPTAIN.

An exhausted Pilsna crew on board the Cunard liner Carmania, when off Ireland on her homeward bound, it was twice crossed the Atlantic, and will now be returned to its owners.

The Italian consul, who is a capable and courteous official and a gentleman, and withal possessor of the good name of his chivalrous country, would immediately have had the offending menial and the ship's captain

brought before him and if necessary sent to explain matters before a Magistrate. There was also our Chamber of Commerce which would have moved in the matter or even the Harbour Master. Last but by no means least there was the local Press which is by no means tender to the blackmailer and the profiteer.

The Talk of the Town.

However, it is not too late for the steamer agents to act. This most unpleasant incident has become the talk of the town and the agents should telegraph to Colombo for a full investigation to be made as well as restitution. And a very full report of the matter should be sent to the owners at the Italian terminus. The feeling here is that the hospitality of a British port has been outraged and that this is an offence that can only be wiped out by condign punishment of the culprit and a full apology from the owners.

A much minor offence with which this steamer is debited is a complaint from passengers who joined her in Singapore for the voyage to Europe which necessarily includes food all the way, not excluding stoppages for coal and cargo. On arrival at Penang, however, passengers from Singapore were told that they were expected to go and live ashore. If they remained on board and expected to be fed they would be charged 21/7s. 6d. a day each. Naturally they preferred the civility of our hotels, but the amount of talk that the relating of this extortion has occasioned, has already raised this new company a big loss if promises count for anything.

Purser's Perquisites.

In the day before the war the purser of a big British mail steamer carrying passengers was allowed about half a crown a head in the way of a "tip." Allowing three times this sum now, it is evident that the officer of the Pilsna intended to reap a profit of 21/7s. 6d. from each passenger electing to stay on board. In the interests of homeward bound passengers from Malaya and, secondly, of the fair name of our Italian Allies it is hoped that more will be heard of the matter and that the more will be satisfactory to all concerned.

ANTI-DUMPING BILL.

PROTECTING SPECIAL INDUSTRIES.

The text of the Bill to prevent dumping and to establish a Special Industries Council to advise as to the promotion and assistance of Special Industries, introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and recently referred to in the House of Lords, has been issued.

In its anti-dumping clause the Bill provides that where the prices of goods imported into the United Kingdom are offered for sale here at less than the prices at which goods of the same class or kind are sold in the

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PERAK MAN'S EXPERIENCE.

The following is vouched by the Times of Malaya Penang correspondent who writes as follows:—

The very worst case of super-profiteering either on land or sea that has ever come to my notice during the many years that I have lived in Penang was brought to my notice this morning and as the people who have been so shamefully treated are a Perak family I hasten to ask you to warn intending passengers to Europe to be very careful by what line they travel—and more so if the travellers are unprotected and possibly delicate ladies and children.

£245 to Venice.

Mr. Minto, mining engineer, Penang, had with great difficulty secured passages to Europe for his wife and child on the steamer Pilsna which is now in the ownership of the Lloyd Triestino Line.

The fares charged and paid for the mother and child amounted to £245, which seems sufficiently high when it is considered that the journey ends at Trieste or Venice and that the trans-European trip nowadays is fairly expensive.

However, Mrs. Minto and child were shown to their cabin when they boarded the Pilsna and everything seemed as much in order as the home going passenger may expect nowadays. The fact that the steamer is now in Italian hands seemed in itself a guarantee of the civil and courteous treatment which we invariably associate with the pleasant attributes of our Italian friends.

An Unpleasant Surprise.

But in this instance a most unpleasant surprise awaited Mr. and Mrs. Minto. A certain officer of the ship arrived during the course of the day and on the ground that the travellers had been given his cabin for their occupancy demanded, it is alleged, a personal fee of £20. And this he did under the threat of "speaking" the lady and child at the first port the ship was due to stop at—namely, Colombo. I regret to state that Mr. Minto, who was extremely anxious that his wife and child should have no more troubles than absolutely necessary, paid Shylock his pound of flesh, not knowing whether the extortioner would really keep his threat about murdering the lady and child in Colombo. He may even yet.

Where Was the Captain?

Mr. Minto was doubtless to blame in a measure. He could have called the attention of the Captain to this alleged blackmail and, failing help from this source, which was most unlikely, have gone to the steamer agents who are one of our leading mercantile firms.

Equally the Italian consul, who is a capable and courteous official and a gentleman, and withal possessor of the good name of his chivalrous country, would immediately have had the offending menial and the ship's captain

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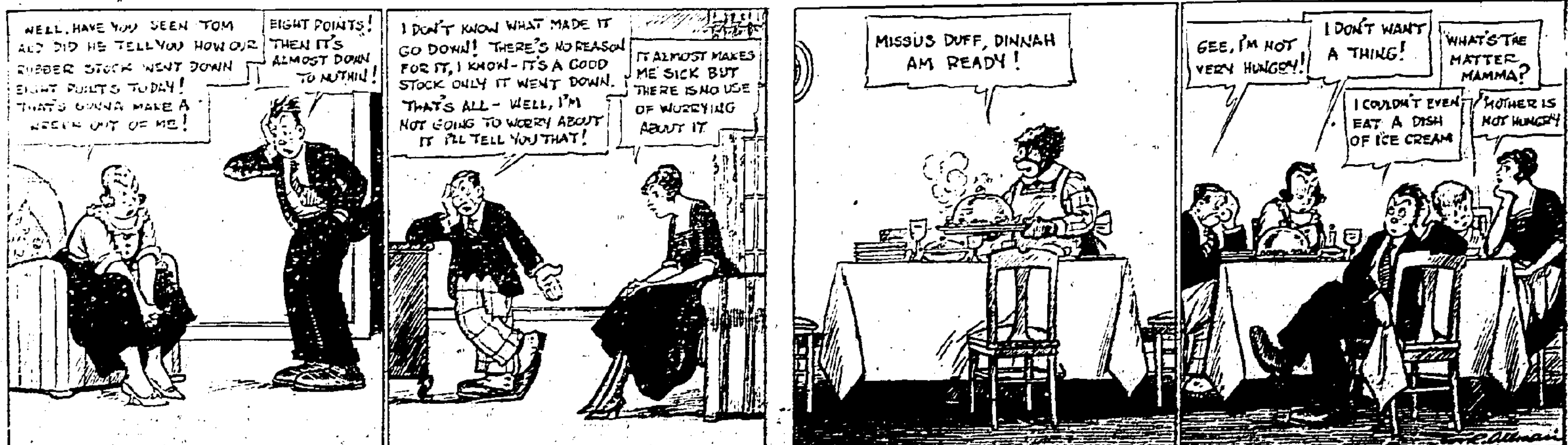
For the purpose of advising the Board of Trade as to the Special Industries Council shall measures necessary to be taken consist of not less than five and for the promotion and assistance not more than nine persons, who of special industries, there will shall be persons of commercial be established a Council, to and industrial experience. They he known as the Special Industries Council. It will be the President of the Board of Trade, and out of this Council to watch the hold office for five years.

The special industries mentioned in the second schedule are Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and any other spelter, tungsten magnets, Government Department inter-optical and chemical glass, ested in any special industry, to illuminating glassware, scientific advise the Board of Trade as to and optical instruments, hosiery the promotion and assistance of needles and thorium nitrate.

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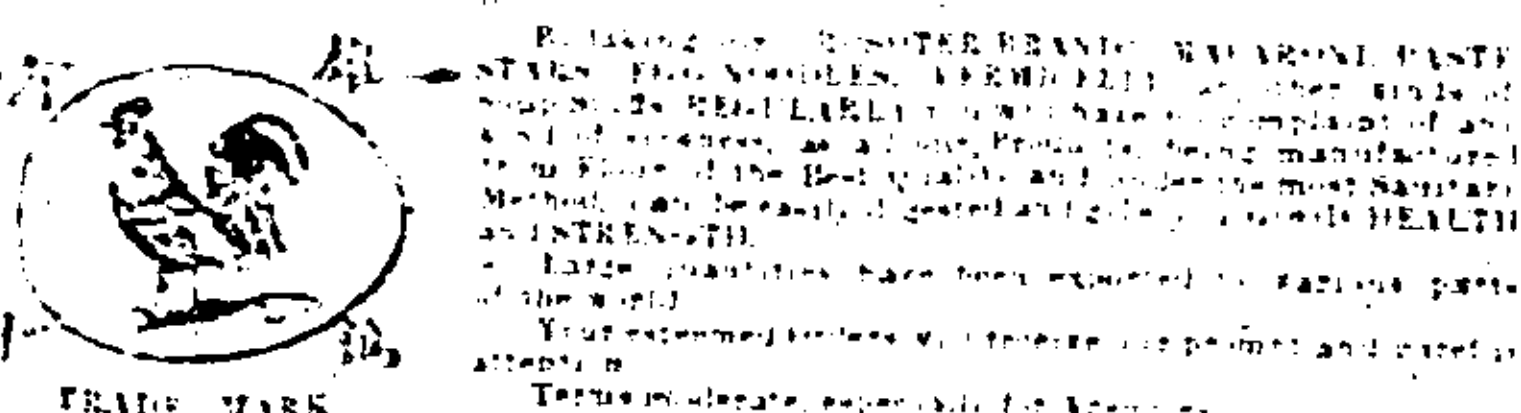
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

FRENCH MISSION TO CHINA

London, May 3.

The following are the members of the French scientific and technical mission leaving Havre for China on May 11 via San Francisco on the invitation of the President of the Chinese Republic: Paul Painlevé, chief; M. Borel, Director of the scientific section at the Higher Training School, Paris; German in Martin, Professor of Law, Paris; Abel Bonnard, distinguished poet and novelist; M. Nadasi, chief engineer of mines and state railways and a Chinese Government delegate. Interviewed, M. Painlevé said Frenchmen regard China as a charming dreamland. They profoundly misunderstood the Chinese intelligence which was active and penetrating and possessed an assimilative faculty equal if not superior to Japanese genius. More thoughtful and more peaceful than the Japanese, Chinese had a marked tendency towards the most generous and disinterested idealism. He would do his best to make China better known to the French people.

AMERICA'S MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, May 2.

The Commerce Committee of the Senate has ordered its substitute measure to the House of Representatives merchant marine bill to be favourably reported. The Senate's measure provides that all coastwise shipping and all shipping concerns engaged in foreign trade must be American owned and American vessels must not hold foreign interests without the consent of the Shipping Board unless commissioned over ten years and under 5000 tons deadweight.

SEAPLANE'S LONG TRIP

New York, May 2.

A Navy type seaplane has arrived from Miami, Florida, in 10 hours, 30 minutes, with one halt at Moorhead City, North Carolina for refuelling. It is equipped with a 400 h.p. Liberty engine. It encountered heavy rainstorm from Virginia but progress was not impeded.

New York, May 2.

The seaplane crew of three arrived from Miami, Florida, in 10 hours.

MAY DAY IN AMERICA

New York, May 2.

May Day passed without serious disorder anywhere despite disclosures of widespread Red plots with plans of various kinds of violence. The New York police have not reported a single radical outbreak. Federal agents and private detectives guarded public buildings and the homes of officials and millionaires.

AMERICAN SHIPS

New York, May 2.

The Bankers Association of Pittsburgh has passed a resolution endorsing the sale of Government owned ships to American corporations and individuals. The price will be payable in instalments.

AMERICAN FINANCE

New York, May 2.

Committees have been appointed to confer with the Federal Reserve Board regarding the deflation of credits and to study a means of checking the depletion of the national gold reserve.

MANITOBA LOAN

Winnipeg, May 2.

Messrs Morgan have taken up the Manitoba provincial 4 per cent bonds to cover the expenditure sanctioned by the legislature last session.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION

Aguaprieta, May 2.

Chihuahua City is completely in the hands of the revolutionists who control the whole north west of Chihuahua State except Juarez.

AN AMERICAN INVASION

London, May 3.

The American invasion of Britain has begun. Thousands landed on Saturday. Fabulous passages are being paid. Many prominent people have been obliged to travel second class.

U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

New York, May 2.

The United States Atlantic fleet has arrived from Cuba.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ROME-TOKYO FLIGHT

Shanghai, May 4.

Lieutenant Ferrarin leaves here for Tsingtau on Friday at noon.

WORLD SHORTAGE OF RICE

SCHEME OF DISTRIBUTION

The following is extracted from the Times Trade Supplement of 13th March:

The outstanding fact in this connection is that Rice is the principal food of more than half the vast population of the Indian Empire, and also enters very largely into the dietary of the other moiety.

In 1918-19 the all-India area under rice fell to somewhat less than 76,000,000 acres, as against 80,000,000 acres in the previous year, but the average yield per acre which in Burma is normally about 1,400 lbs. fell by 314 lbs. with the result that the crop only yielded 23,500,000 tons, as compared with 36,250,000. The difference was due to the defective monsoon of 1918. In consequence of the resulting depletion of stocks, Peninsular India absorbed last year almost the whole of the Burma surplus, taking 1,750,000 tons in nine months, while a small balance went to countries having a large emigrant Indian population. The Burma surplus is ordinarily some 2,500,000 or 3,000,000 tons. This season it is estimated at about 1,600,000 tons. The two other considerable exporting countries are Siam which usually ships about 1,000,000 tons and Saigon which supplies from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 tons. This season the Siam crop is an absolute failure, and export has been prohibited. The Saigon crop is beyond the average, but the deficiency of Burma and Siam in exportable surplus is equivalent to at least half the normal supply.

Late in December the Government of India announced that the control of Burma exports would continue through the present year. It was pointed out that though prices in India ruled high, world prices were very much higher. If exports from India were unrestricted, the demand of foreign countries would probably draw our stocks required for replenishing the reserves, and prices would be forced up to a level causing hardship to the home consumer.

Hence it was decided that exports to foreign countries should be limited to the surplus estimated to be available after providing for India's needs. All sales and purchases from Burma are made through the Rice Commissioner, who has fixed his maximum offer at the equivalent of Rs. 150 per 100 baskets of paddy. In 1918 when purchases were made for the Royal Commission on Food Supplies the price was fixed at Rs. 105 which was taken to be the mean of the normal price. The advance of Rs. 75 gave the cultivator a substantial share in the advantage to the producer of inadequate supplies, and Rs. 130 is considered the highest limit to which prices in Burma can be allowed to rise without serious detriment to the consumer. With respect to the surplus available for foreign countries the Government view is that it is reasonable to expect foreign consumers to pay a fair market price for what is now a scarcity article.

After meeting the estimated Indian requirement of 700,000 tons, there is a balance of some 530,000 tons of cleaned rice for other countries. It is justly held that the first claim is for Indian populations in British colonies, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Mauritius, Fiji, etc. The original allotment for Ceylon was 250,000 tons, but later estimates of the surplus available necessitated pro rata reductions, and in the middle of last month Ceylon was informed that the revised quota would be 280,000 tons. Apparently the original allotment has now been restored. The cost of the rice to the Government, fob, Rangoon is Rs. 9 per cwt, and the minimum rate of charge is Rs. 15.

The allotment of the surplus of the first quarter of the first year in tons has been: Ceylon, 90,000; Straits Settlements, 60,000; Mauritius, 14,000; other countries, 85,000; total 299,000. This leaves a balance of 281,000 tons to meet requirements outside India. The United Kingdom will certainly not receive any further share unless it is found that the estimates of yield have erred on the side of excessive caution.

"WORKHOUSE" NO LONGER

Formal opening of Lewisham Hospital—the future title of Lewisham Workhouse and Infirmary—took place recently. Pleasure was expressed that the hateful word "workhouse" was to be abolished.

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MR. ASQUITH'S REPLY TO PREMIER.

"I'M A LABOUR M.P."

A fervent appeal was made by Mr. Asquith, at the National Liberal Club recently, to all Free Liberals to have nothing to do with co-operation or fusion, but to preach their principles and practise them.

The Premier's recent references to the Bolshevik menace were a direct appeal to class warfare, declared Mr. Asquith, who concluded by saying that the time was coming when there would be a real test of whether men and women were Liberals or whether they were to hew wood and draw water for the Tory army.

Mr. Asquith in the course of his speech said:—

Fusion with a very big capital F has for the moment been watered down into closer co-operation between the two wings of the Coalition.

The real point we have to consider to-day is whether or not you are going to respond to this invitation:—

That since Labour is hostile and since Independent Liberalism intends to insist and persist in its independence, are you going to link up with the Tory organisations, which are the only ones which satisfy Mr. Lloyd George's definition and will supply his needs?

What are the reasons which the Prime Minister gives for this abdication of the primary functions of a great historic party in the State? There are two. The first is that the Coalition on its merits is the best and only practical form of government at a time like this.

The other ground on which we are asked to consent to the annihilation of our separate and independent existence as a party is that Bolshevism is supposed to menace us.

Nothing can be more fallacious than to suppose that the bulk of those engaged in manual or intellectual labour are wedded to the theory of extreme Socialism. The attempt to draw a line of demarcation upon purely class-lines in a community such as ours in a time such as this is the worst service ever done to democracy. (Cheers.) It is not to close, but to open the road that leads to revolution.

Not a fortnight ago the Trades Union Congress by an overwhelming majority decided against direct action and in favour of constitutional action. It is at that moment that we have an incentive to class warfare at the invitation of the head of the British Government.

We now know where we are. The dividing line is fixed. Let this movement for closer co-operation of the Coalition—or fusion—proceed. Whatever may take place in this non-representative House of Commons, the rank and file of the Liberal Party of this country will be with us.

They are not going to be harassed to the wheels of the Tory chariot in an insensate crusade against an imaginary peril. It is not on lines of class division that the future of the country must proceed. No class is entitled to dictate the policy or dominate the fortunes of this community. The State exists for the common interest of every one of us. I fought the Paisley election on these lines and secured the verdict of men and women engaged in labour. I claim to be a Labour member in as true a sense as any man who comes to the House of Commons with a Labour mandate.

We have reached a point of new departure. This is going to be the real test: whether men and women are Liberals, or whether they are going to be subject to the allurements of demagogues, and of finding themselves sooner or later hewers of wood and draw water for the Tory army. (Cheers.)

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ELECTION ADDRESS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION.

To the Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong. Gentlemen:—

The closeness of the contest in which I took part two years ago encourages me again to offer myself as an independent candidate for the vacancy in the representation of the Justices of the Peace on the Legislative Council. My proposer and second are Messrs. John Scott Harrison and Frank Smyth. The ballot will take place at the Supreme Court on Wednesday next, May 5th, between the hours of 4 and 5.30 p.m. and I now ask for your support.

The traditional policy of past elected members such as Messrs. Hewitt, Shawan, Murray-Stewart, Pollock, Holyoak and Alabaster has been freely to criticise the Government, which is inclined to err in being too conservative. If elected, I intend to follow the example of my predecessors to the limit of my powers. While it is practically impossible, in the face of a permanent Government majority, for Hon. Unofficial members to initiate legislation, I shall endeavour, if returned, to secure attention to the following matters which I deem necessary for the continued progress of the Colony:

1. The deepening of the Harbour to meet requirements in sight.

2. The construction of an Aerodrome and Seaplane Harbour. Mechanical flying has developed rapidly, and Hongkong must be on the aerial mail route. In the meantime Canton is ahead.

3. The necessity of pushing forward the promised Kowloon Hospital to prevent unnecessary suffering and loss of life.

4. The provision of a new and more cheerful Lunatic Asylum, as advocated years ago in Council by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. The motto "Abandon hope all ye who enter here" might well be inscribed over the portals of the present institution.

5. A continuation of the present policy of making motor roads through our beautiful Colony, and at the same time providing alongside, wherever possible, places where people can picnic or take their ease. At small cost there is room for a miniature park, with existing shady trees, between North Point and Quarry Bay, where others besides motorists could find quiet recreation after work.

6. The removal of restrictions in the centre of the city to allow of the erection of buildings six stories high in order to meet the urgent demand for additional office accommodation. Fire appliances and water, if not already available, must be provided forthwith.

7. The resumption of all land now occupied by the Naval and Military authorities in the centre of the city. The Parade Ground should be surrendered forthwith for building purposes.

8. The resumption of land sales along the motor roads or in certain defined areas where people can buy requirements at known rates. If auctioning is necessary, "relax jumping" could be deterred by purchasers being obliged to commence building the required standard of house within three months; otherwise, the lot to revert to the original applicant at the upset price. No bid to be accepted from anyone unless he had deposited approved plans before the date of auction.

9. As a member of the Constitutional Reform Association, I want the moderate reforms they advocate.

The Estimates are too far ahead to criticise here.

If you do me the honour to elect me, I will do my utmost to justify your confidence.

Your obedient servant,
A. R. LOWE.
Hongkong, April 29th, 1920.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on the 21st May, at the Treasury of Macao, at 3 p.m. tenders are invited by verbal competition for the Monopoly of Opium, for the period of three years, commencing from 1st August 1920 to 31st July 1923.

All the terms and conditions for the tender can be obtained on application at the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, or at the Treasurer's Department in Macao.

PLINIO TINOCO,
Treasurer,
Treasurer's Office of Macao,
22nd April, 1920.

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th.—TEA DANCING FROM 4 TO 7 P.M. DINNER DANCE FROM 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 8th.—TEA DANCING FROM 4 TO 7 P.M. DINNER DANCE FROM 8 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 9th.—Orchestral Concerts during Noon and Afternoon.

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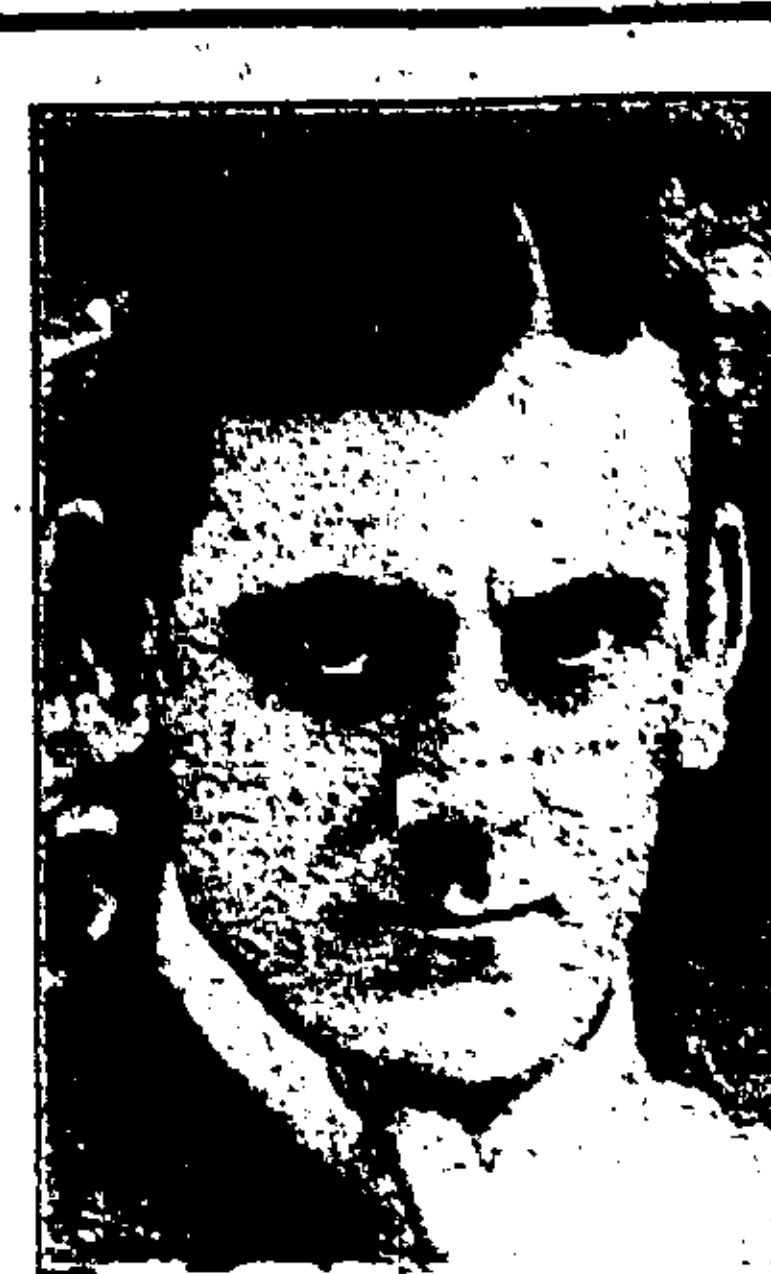
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Artillery Company 6.15 p.m. Monday, 10th May.

Engineer Company 6.15 p.m. Tuesday, 11th May.

Machine Gun Company 6.15 p.m. Wednesday, 12th May.

Infantry and Light Infantry Companies 6.15 p.m. Thursday, 13th May.

Scottish Company 6.15 p.m. Thursday, 13th May.

Mounted Infantry Coy. 6.15 p.m. Thursday, 13th May.

Reserve Company 6.15 p.m. Friday, 14th May.

G. F. E. RAPSON, B.T., Major, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1920.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 51st ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY 21st MAY, 1920 at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December 1919 and of declaring Dividends etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager, Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

NOTICE.

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THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The Adjourned General Meeting of Members will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, room, City Hall, on Monday, 10th May at 4.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee, L. S. GREENHILL, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The thirty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 25th May 1920, at 11.30 a.m.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 11th May to the 25th May, both days inclusive.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 8th May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager, Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 54th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY 21st MAY 1920, at 12.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December 1919 and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager, Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-first Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, on Saturday, 22nd May 1920, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 29th February 1920, and electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to the 22nd May 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1920.

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PRAYA EAST RECLAMATION.

LOT-HOLDERS APPROVE THE SCHEME.

A meeting of considerable interest in view of the reported early commencement of the big Praya East Reclamation Scheme, was held yesterday at the City Hall. As is known, the scheme is to add to the area of the Colony by filling in Wanchai Bay from the Naval Yard to the China Sugar Refinery at East Point. The owners of the lots at present fronting on the harbour have options on the new frontage in proportion to their holdings and yesterday's was a meeting of these lot holders to consider the terms finally offered by the Government. There was a good attendance.

Hon. Sir Paul Chater, who convened the meeting, was Chairman and with him was Mr. M. S. Northcote. Opening the proceedings the Chairman said:

Gentlemen,—As you are all aware, the proposition of a Praya East Reclamation extending from Arsenal Street to the China Sugar Refinery has for many years been mooted as desirable. Some ten or twelve years ago a scheme of this nature was proposed by the Government, but as the times were then deemed inopportune for such an undertaking, no proposals were then submitted to you and the matter dropped. It was, however, again revived about the year 1913. Unfortunately the outbreak of war in 1914 prevented the matter being then further proceeded with and the proposal was again held in abeyance. Meantime the Government continued with the necessary soundings and surveys and now that the war is over and peace secured they have once more taken up the proposition. I have, therefore, to-day to lay before you for your consideration the scheme as now proposed, a plan of which is open to your inspection upon the table, and I will ask the secretary of the Land Investment Company presently to read to you the Government's conditions for the carrying out of the work. From the plan you will see that each Marine Lot owner receives his due proportion of the reclaimed area which is divided by convenient streets into two separate blocks that nearest to the water front having the large areas suitable for such buildings as godowns, the inner lots being available for tenement buildings. I may tell you that the conditions as now finally laid down have after considerable discussion been very materially amended from those first sent down to me in February last. They are I think now very fair and equitable to all concerned and I recommend that they be agreed to and accepted.

By the acquisition of Morrison Hill the Government have very materially reduced the cost of the work, providing as it does at very slight cost almost, if not quite sufficient soil to complete the work of filling, while the removal of this hill gives to the Colony a very large open area for sports and recreation for all of which we are indebted to the Government's enterprise in the acquisition of the property. You will observe that, in addition to certain areas on the new reclamation accruing naturally to the Government, they are in addition retaining for their own use the large area marked "B" on the plan. It was at first their desire similarly to retain the areas "A," "C" and "D" but they have now consented to waive their claim thereto and these areas will be equally apportioned to owners having frontages throughout all the areas "A," "B," "C" and "D." I

do not think gentlemen that I have anything further I can usefully say, and I will now ask Mr. Northcote to read the conditions. Particulars of the approximate area to be allocated to each lot owner and the approximate cost thereof can be obtained here now, and if you will step up to the table in the order as I call out I will show them to you.

Mr. Northcote then read the conditions and voluminous correspondence. The total estimated cost of the scheme, including drainage, water mains, roads, piers etc., was given at \$3,385,000. The reclaimed area will be 2,249,000 sq. ft., the cost per foot working out at \$1.50, plus 25 cents premium. As the Chairman indicated the Government made a number of concessions as to cost as that at Happy Valley, reduction of reserved areas road etc.

At the conclusion the Chairman moved that the terms proposed by the Government be accepted.

Mr. M. J. D. Stephens said it gave him much pleasure to second the proposal. He thought the terms offered were most satisfactory to all concerned and he did not think they could have done better. They should be very thankful to Sir Paul.

The motion was carried unanimously and the holders signed their acceptance.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1920.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Reservoir	Level	Storage
Victoria	223.50	1,200,000
Praya	223.50	1,200,000
Wanchai	223.50	1,200,000
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STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

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KOWLOON WATERWORKS LEVEL.

Reservoir	Level	Storage
Victoria	223.50	1,200,000
Praya	223.50	1,200,000
Wanchai	223.50	1,200,000
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W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

"TO WAKE THE WORLD."

"Huntingdon is going to wake the world, and the name and fame of this Midland town will soon be spread by the ringing of millions of alarm bells." Such was the picturesque prophecy made to a Press representative by Mr. G. F. Joseph, the managing director of a new company formed to produce, among other things, cheap alarm clocks "on a scale hitherto unknown in any country." Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, M.P., Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, M.P., and Mr. Henry Billingshurst, of Brinsford, are on the directorate of the new company.

CONSIGNEES.

THE BANK LINE LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From NEW YORK.

The Steamship "KAZEMBE"

having arrived. Consignees of cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Hols Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the May 5th, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before May 12th 1920, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays & Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the free storage period.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1920.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "SEIYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

From SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, & JAPAN PORTS.

The above named Steamer having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on Sunday the 2nd May 1920, at 5 p.m. will be landed at consignees' risk and expenses, and delivery must then taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on Monday, the 10th May 1920, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, the 10th May, 1920 at 11 a.m.

No claim will be recognised if filed three weeks after landing of cargo.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1920.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

The Steamship

S. S. "M. S. DOLLAR"

having arrived from Vancouver, B.C. and ports on May 2, 1920, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited and stored at consignees' risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns until Thursday, May 6th, 1920, when they will be examined by Messrs Carmichael & Clarke at 2.30 p.m. Thursday May 1920.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. All goods remaining after May 9th, 1920, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

Consignees per Co's Steamer

"TYDEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Hols Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 2nd May.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 22nd May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

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THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

From SOURABAYA, via

SAMARANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

S. S. "LAKE ONAWA"

having arrived from the above mentioned ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must take immediate delivery of same alongside, and all cargo impeding discharge will be landed at their risk and expense into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees must produce an Import Permit before bill of lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be landed in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's. godowns, where they will be examined on May 6th, 1920 at 2.30 p.m. by Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after May 7th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

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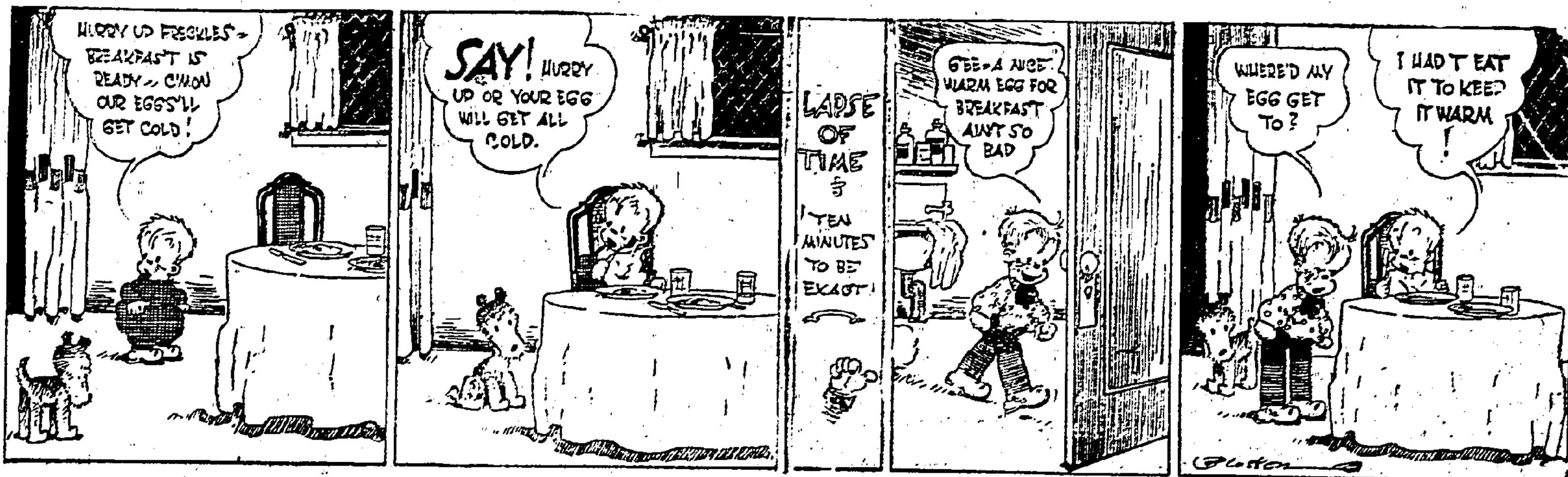
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1920.

BOOSTING THINGS BRITISH.

We were more than a little interested in the cable which came to hand yesterday dealing with the Report that has been issued by the Committee appointed by the Foreign Office to consider means by which to foster a greater spirit of solidarity among British communities in foreign countries and to make British ideals more generally known and appreciated by foreign nations, because it is a matter that has a very direct bearing on our function as a British newspaper. Boiled down, the Report spells "propaganda," for, apart from some little items of particularisation, the whole object is to further British interests and prestige in the world of thought as well as in the world of commerce. There is suggested that British schools should be established wherever possible, that Chambers of Commerce and patriotic societies be formed where they do not already exist and that all possible encouragement be given to the British film industry and also the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements. In short, support and increase the influence of everything British with the object of removing a great deal of the mistrust and misunderstanding that sometimes seem to prevail. There can only be approval on the part of Britishers for such an object, but as our own sphere as a newspaper is touched upon we should like to free ourselves of a thought that has been with us for a long time and only awaited suitable opportunity to express.

The Report is not in favour of subsidising British newspapers, although it recognises that "the latter, well-managed, may do much good." There is no newspaper in Hongkong that wants to be subsidised and there is not one of them that has not done a very great deal of good work, especially during the war, with never a little bit of recognition. They have been content to carry on the good work without any fee or reward, and are not grumbling on that account. After all, it has only been a matter of duty. But perhaps there are not many people in Hongkong who realise that we have here (the main centre of British influence in the Far East) a Publicity Bureau, and we maintain that the object of such should be the furtherance of British ideals as well as the fostering of British commercial expansion. Frankly, we are not satisfied with what that Bureau is doing, and we think that its present method of activity is not calculated to be productive of the best results. For example, we understand that a part of the duties of the Bureau is to distribute news and articles to various vernacular newspapers in South China, and whilst this may be productive of some good it would be interesting to know how any obviously supplied British articles are viewed by the Chinese. Suddenly, say, a Chinese paper begins to boost all things British, but the very nature of such an act cannot fail to arouse the suspicions of the man in the street who guesses that there is some consideration at the back of it all. But one would not mind if the papers treated with the privileges that the Bureau gives them did stick to helping matters along for us, but cases have come to our notice in which papers which have been given these privileges have published very anti-British articles in their columns. One openly accused the British of neglect in India and later said in a reprinted article that Britons were responsible for "the cold-blooded massacre of some hundreds of natives." To all outward appearances this very clever journal continues to receive benefits in the way of free cables, etc., that it did before, whilst British papers in a British Colony of cosmopolitan population receive nothing at all. Surely, a fine example of propaganda control. It seems to us that the only way of offsetting any anti-British stuff of this kind is not by pampering up the native Press but by the establishment of good vernacular papers in the larger cities, ably run and controlled by Britishers. (We are not on the look out for jobs ourselves as we have enough work to do now). In other directions, too, we could point to the fact that so far as publicity and propaganda goes in this area there is needed a greater degree of study of right methods and wise spending.

Educationally, Hongkong, with its University, offers Chinese students a fine education, close study of British methods and ideals and familiarity with British machinery. In that respect at least Hongkong is well off. Commercially Hongkong is all right too from the British standpoint, but it would certainly be a great deal better if British merchants unbended a little and took a few tips from rivals and allowed themselves a little freer intimacy with native merchants and dealers. Unquestionably the finest advertisement for a man is how he acts towards others, and we can well afford a little searching of heart on this matter. Men are judged by what they do, not so much by what they say. Our business relations should be made much more cordial than they have been. And on the question of solidarity among British communities one could wax sarcastically eloquent regarding Hongkong's social pettinesses. When we began this article we did not intend to disparage Britons and things British because we see no cause to; as such we can very rightfully hold our heads high. But there is plenty of room for improvement and if we take a look at ourselves first and put right what is wrong there, we shall go a long way towards making propaganda a superfluous.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

CANTON MUDDLING.

Things are in a pretty mess financially in the adjacent province of Kwangtung. According to a statement issued by the Bureau of Finance in Canton, the unpaid dues to the naval and military forces for last year total no less a sum than \$24,000,000! That's a nice situation for one Province, isn't it? We notice that a Canton paper, in reporting the fact, heads the information "The Curse of Militarism." And well it might. Kwangtung, like many another Chinese Province, has been over-run with unrequired soldiery, mostly of the bandit class, whom the authorities would be afraid to disband even if they felt like doing so, for fear that the letting loose of huge bodies of uncontrolled ruffians would spell a period of unrivalled looting and general criminality. But we fear that even the inclination to disband these men does not exist, for the simple reason that political power in China rests with the individual or organisation commanding most troops. The so-called Canton Military Government was formed, as we understand it, both to fight militarism and to give an example to the North of the way a Government should be run. It has failed miserably in both regards. It has perpetuated militarism and made a sorry job of governing. Where has all the money gone? The Government, or its officials, handled the ordinary revenues besides much money from illegal exactions and wrongful diversion of Customs and Salt surpluses. Yet the Army and Navy alone it is faced with an adverse balance of \$24,000,000! No wonder that the Government has "bustup."

PERPETUAL YOUTH.

Almost every pictorial paper we pick up just now has a photograph of a New Yorker named Robert G. Laws, who, though 72 years of age, says he feels like a youth of 22, owing to his diet of "monkey glands" in capsules. In this connection we have been reading of a movement initiated by the New York State Medical Society urging Government control of the sale of interstitial glands and other preparations for restoring youth. All this raises the question whether the human race would lose or gain if it could abolish old age. Perpetual youth doesn't mean a perpetually renewed mentality. That is impossible. It means that those who by chance happen to be alive when perpetual youth comes, will possess the earth in perpetuity. Human mentality is bound up with human experiences. Future actions are largely conditioned by past experiences. The more experiences men have the more are their actions conditioned. They become conservative in old age not because they are old, but because they have learned caution and timidity from the hard knocks and difficulties of the past. But, the world goes forward, nevertheless, because new babies are born, not prejudiced by past experiences. As they grow up, they mentally rejuvenate the earth. They encounter experiences fresh and unhampered by depressing recollections. There are no cautious memories to issue warnings about the consequences of failure.

IT WOULDN'T DO.

We are really not greatly enamoured of this "monkey gland" business. Most of us would no doubt like to postpone old age and senility and to retain our vitality as long as humanly possible, but with the mixture of joy and sorrow of which life is composed, we doubt whether anybody really wants to go on living for ever. It wouldn't do, either. The stimulating viewpoint of youth is the world's chief incentive to progress. If old age were to vanish, virgin mentality would go, too. For, one of the first effects of perpetual youth would be to check the birthrate. The Malthusian law of overpopulation would soon work to keep down the number of inhabitants competing for the earth's limited food supply. Civilisation would be dominated by people physically in their prime, but terribly old in experience of life. There would be no source for renewing mental energy. New ideas might gradually become extinct. Progress would be gravely endangered.

WOMEN RAILWAY WORKERS.

On August 1, 1914, there were about 12,000 women employed on the railway, and on November 11, 1918, about 60,000, states Mr. Neal in recent Parliamentary Debates. The approximate number at the end of last January was 30,000.

DAY BY DAY.

NO AMOUNT OF PAY EVER MADE A GOOD SOLDIER, A GOOD TEACHER, A GOOD ARTIST OR A GOOD WORKMAN.—Rushin.

A telegram has been received locally stating that a steamboat has been sunk in the Bangkok Bar channel.

Yesterday the flag at the Swedish Consulate was flying half-mast because of the death of the Crown Princess of Sweden.

Mr. Gunnar Ludin, Vice Consul for Sweden, is at present at the Peak Hospital. He was operated on the 26th April for appendicitis and is doing well. He will not be at the Consulate for some time.

H.E. the Governor of Hongkong, accompanied by Lady Stubbs and his A.D.C., visited Macao on Friday last, making the trip on H.M.S. Fame. The visit was official in character, and the party was entertained to luncheon at Government House.

G. A. Hyder, the Queen's College runner, yesterday pursued and caught a thief who had picked the purse of another Chinese in Des Voeux Road. The thief was to-day sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Police Court after proof had been produced to show that he was an ex-convict.

Two Chinese were arrested following investigations into a case by the Wanchai Police, and were to-day charged before the Magistrate with being members of the Triad Society. The case was remanded at the request of Inspector Kent, who said he wanted to get expert evidence for a conviction of the prisoners.

News has reached us that the s.s. Nile bound for America, left Honolulu on March 25th, but when some eight hundred miles out on April 1st she turned back and again made the port, owing to engine trouble. A passenger aboard her, writing on April 5th, stated that the vessel was expected to resume her trip to the States that night.

We are pleased to be able to state that substantial support to the idea of boxing classes for the students of Queen's College has come from His Excellency the Governor in the form of 12 pairs of gloves which he has presented to the College. Under the tuition of Kid Marriot, it is hoped that boxing will gain many adherents, and that before long there will be an Inter-School Boxing Competition.

Recently a Chinese was deported from the Colony after he had served his prison term for cutting and wounding a comrade. His banishment term was ten years, but being a man who could not bear to be away from the Colony so long, he returned by the next boat, and was recognised and arrested by the Police yesterday. To-day the Magistrate gave him another six months in prison.

At the Chinese Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock a very interesting event will take place consisting of an exhibition game of Basketball between the team of the American Athletic Club and a team drawn from the remainder of the League. At the close of the match His Excellency the Governor will present the shield to the winners of the League—The American Athletic Club. The public are invited to attend, especially ladies. Play will commence promptly at six o'clock.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

The following is notified for information of all members—

On the dates set apart for Balloting for Officers etc., the attendance of the New Members i.e. (all those who were not members of the Hongkong Defence Corps on 23rd December, 1919) will also be carried out.

Members are asked to attend on these dates as strong as possible.

AVIATION NOTES.

[BY "METEORITE"]

As one who is in close touch with schemes for making the Colony the centre for commercial aviation of the Far East, I was particularly pleased to note that in his election address in connection with the vacant seat on the Legislative Council, Mr. A. R. Lowe promises, if returned, to endeavour to secure attention, in addition to other matters, to the construction of an aerodrome and seaplane harbour which are a necessity in view of present developments in mechanical flying. He points out that Canton is forging ahead in this respect, and lays stress on the importance of having Hongkong on the aerial mail route. In this respect, if in no other, he deserves hearty support which if it succeeds in getting him elected will result in a resumption of the question raised by Mr. Pollock which apparently has been consigned to the pigeon-hole—the provision of aerial transport for the Colony. Mr. Lowe is an ardent advocate of aviation, and in the late war he presented an aeroplane to the Home Government for commission at the Front.

Once in that coveted seat on the Legislative Council, Mr. Lowe will be able to bring the matter to the immediate attention of the Government and incidentally prove himself of valuable assistance to the embryo Aero Club in its quest for a landing place, without which no Aero Club is worthy of the name.

And if the Aero Club ever comes into being it will be all due to the band of aviators who with Captain T. Arthur are engaged in securing membership for the Club. They have for their guidance the rules of the New York and Shanghai Aero Clubs, and every effort will be made towards establishing the Club on a sound financial basis.

Rumour has it that the recent big deal transacted by the Handley Page and other interests in the purchase of the British Government's surplus of aircraft, has resulted in the project of forming an Anglo-Chinese Aviation Company operating a commercial and mail line between London and Peking, via Egypt, Bombay, and Hongkong. The flight between London and Peking is estimated to take four days and eight hours.

It must have been a bitter experience for Lt. Masiero that at this stage of the flight when he is within comfortable distance of his goal, his machine should suffer a crash when making the start from Canton last Wednesday, and be irretrievably destroyed. A tree which stood unperceived in the line of flight was the cause of the disaster. It was struck by the aeroplane which was then at flying speed after having risen from the ground. The collision dislocated the motor which dropped out. In spite of the unmanageable condition of the machine, due to a broken propeller, Lt. Masiero, with great adroitness, managed to land his shattered machine in a rice field in the vicinity, thus saving his own life and that of Maretti, the mechanic.

Masiero's new plans formed in consequence of this mishap now embrace a voyage by steamer to Shanghai where he will secure another machine, and resume the flight from Canton.

Et. Farrarin, who started at the same time with Masiero, was more fortunate. He reached Foochow the same day, but on account of the extremely bad weather was unable to leave that port until Sunday. The flight to Shanghai from Foochow occupied five hours, and ended in a triumphal reception by the citizens of Shanghai. The aviators were entertained by the Aero Club and will probably leave to-morrow for Tsingtau which is the next stage in the flight to Tokyo. The first aerial mail in China was brought by this machine from Canton.

DEATH AT A MASONIC MEETING. After being voted a jewel for his services in the chair, Mr. Rignold, Worshipful Master of the Lewises Lodge of Freemasons, Ramsgate, collapsed and died in the Temple recently. A pioneer of the Volunteer movement, Mr. Rignold was a well-known Ramsgate engineer.

THE LIFT BOYS.

NEW LOT UNSATISFACTORY.

The summonses taken out by Mr. M. S. Northcote against twenty-six lift-operators who are now on strike, on the ground that they left the Land Investment and Agency Company without notice, will be heard at the Magistracy on Friday. The new batch of substitutes recruited by the Company are not giving a very satisfactory account of their ability to manage the lifts. One often has either to climb into or jump out of the lifts in consequence of the failure of the substitutes to bring the elevators on a level with the particular floor that one wishes them to stop at. Doubtless they will improve with practice, but apparently not so in the case of a certain new operator in Prince's Building who after a few minutes' experiment yesterday afternoon, eventually managed to drop the lift right on its cable coil, and then gave up the attempt with an expression of extreme disgust.

GODOWN THEFT.

Some two months ago a daring gang of thieves broke into the Yuen Shing Fat's godown at No. 33 Praya, Kennedy Town, and stole over 10 boxes of nutmegs, valued at \$6,000. Entry was effected through the roof, which they broke through, and, sawing through the rafters, they were able to get within reach of the store of nutmegs. The theft was carried out undetected, and it was not until later that a constable got on the track of the thieves, who, however, made their escape in spite of the fusillade he maintained at them with a revolver. The watch which the Police kept subsequent to this incident a few days ago resulted in the tracing of the boat which the thieves used to carry away their loot. A Chinese believed to be the ringleader in the attempt was arrested, and to-day at the Police Court was put on his trial before the Magistrate. Some \$400 worth of the nutmegs have been recovered.

CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.

RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED.

There have been received this week the recommendations of the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the report of the Commission that enquired into Civil Service salaries. The recommendations are of a complex nature, and deal with pay, pensions, promotions, furlough, etc., as applying to individual cases. No statement can be published until the recommendations for all the Departments are carefully analysed.

GAOL BREAKER.

STORY OF HIS CAPTURE.

The convict arrested subsequent to the recent outbreak from the Gaol was to-day charged before the Magistrate, and his case is proceeding.

One account of his arrest states that he fled to Swatow and there enlisted in the Chinese Army. Information sent to the authorities of that port resulted in his identity being discovered and he was arrested and eventually handed over to the custody of the Hongkong Police.

MOTOR-BOAT SPEED RECORD.

Paris, March 24.—The world's speed "record" for a motor-boat, which was created on Lake George, in the United States, in 1918, was beaten during a semi-official test held yesterday on the Seine, alongside the Ile de la Jatte, which lies between Paris and Saint Cloud. Five hundred metres were covered with the aid of a slight current in little less than 15 seconds. This time was checked by three timekeepers. The boat holding this honour was built on the glider principle by Descoujols, and is equipped with a 12-cylinder Sunbeam engine, similar to those used by the British dirigible which

DEMOLISHED STOVE.

CINEMA PROPRIETORS' ACTION.

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood heard an action brought by Mr. H. H. Ray, the proprietor of the Coronet Theatre, against Bon Ton, tailors, for the recovery of \$100, being damages done to the basement of the Theatre by the employees of the defendants.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. E. Davidson for the defendants.

Mr. Ray examined, said that he was the proprietor of the Coronet Theatre, which extended from Wyndham Street to D'Aguilar Street. In February last, he negotiated with Yee Sang Fat for the lease of the basement and he accepted the lease from 1st March. He found the employees of Bon Ton in the basement on 1st March and had difficulty in getting in. He eventually allowed them to remain on for a few weeks. On the 19th March, when he went in, he found the stove broken. There was a kitchen attached to the premises. He inspected the kitchen on 1st March. He said a representative of Bon Ton asked him to remove everything. The representative asked him to Yee Sang Fat. Plaintiff finally agreed that the Bon Ton people could remain on for a fortnight without payment of rent. There were no keys, and access had to be obtained through the Bon Ton shop. Plaintiff took possession on 19th March, and in going in he found that the big stove was demolished. There was a particular Chinese superstition with regard to the demolition of the kitchen.

Mr. Davidson—I must object to that remark going in I do not know whether Mr. Ray is an expert on Chinese superstition.

The Puisne Judge (to Mr. Davidson)—You are not claiming damages on that point?

Mr. Davidson—Oh no.

Continuing, Mr. Ray said the smaller stove was smashed as well. It would cost \$50 to replace the stove. He wrote a letter to Bon Ton drawing their attention to the damage. He had paid rent for the whole month.

Mr. Davidson—You suggest that the Bon Ton people did this with malice, although you were generous enough to give them the use of the kitchen?—Yes. They have done damage to other parts of the premises. They have paid damages already.

Mr. Davidson—Do you know who put that stove in?—No.

I take it that you will not dispute that Bon Ton put in the stove?—I took the premises on March 1st.

Mr. Davidson—It is my duty to put in my case. One part of the case is that Bon Ton had put in that stove and I take it that you do not deny it?—I do not know.

The Puisne Judge—The stove is not loose but fixed to the building?

Mr. Davidson—There was a certain amount of iron work in the stove, and that was put in by Bon Ton?—Yes.

Mr. Davidson (to the Puisne Judge)—I contend that the fireplace is a tenant's fixture, which can be removed. That is a minor point, which I am dealing with first.

Mr. Davidson (to the plaintiff): You will see on this plan in the angle of the building that there is a regular yard.

The Judge (to Mr. Davidson): Your case is that this kitchen is outside the premises leased to the plaintiff?

Mr. Ray—It is not outside.

The Puisne Judge—You say that this kitchen is part of 34 Queen's Road as leased to Bon Ton and not part of D'Aguilar Street?—

Mr. Ray—I do not agree.

Mr. Davidson—The defendants agreed with Yee Sang Fat to remain for three weeks, and they paid rent to Yee Sang Fat for 22 days.

Plaintiff—Yes I know that. They thanked me for the use of the kitchen.

The hearing has been adjourned sine die.

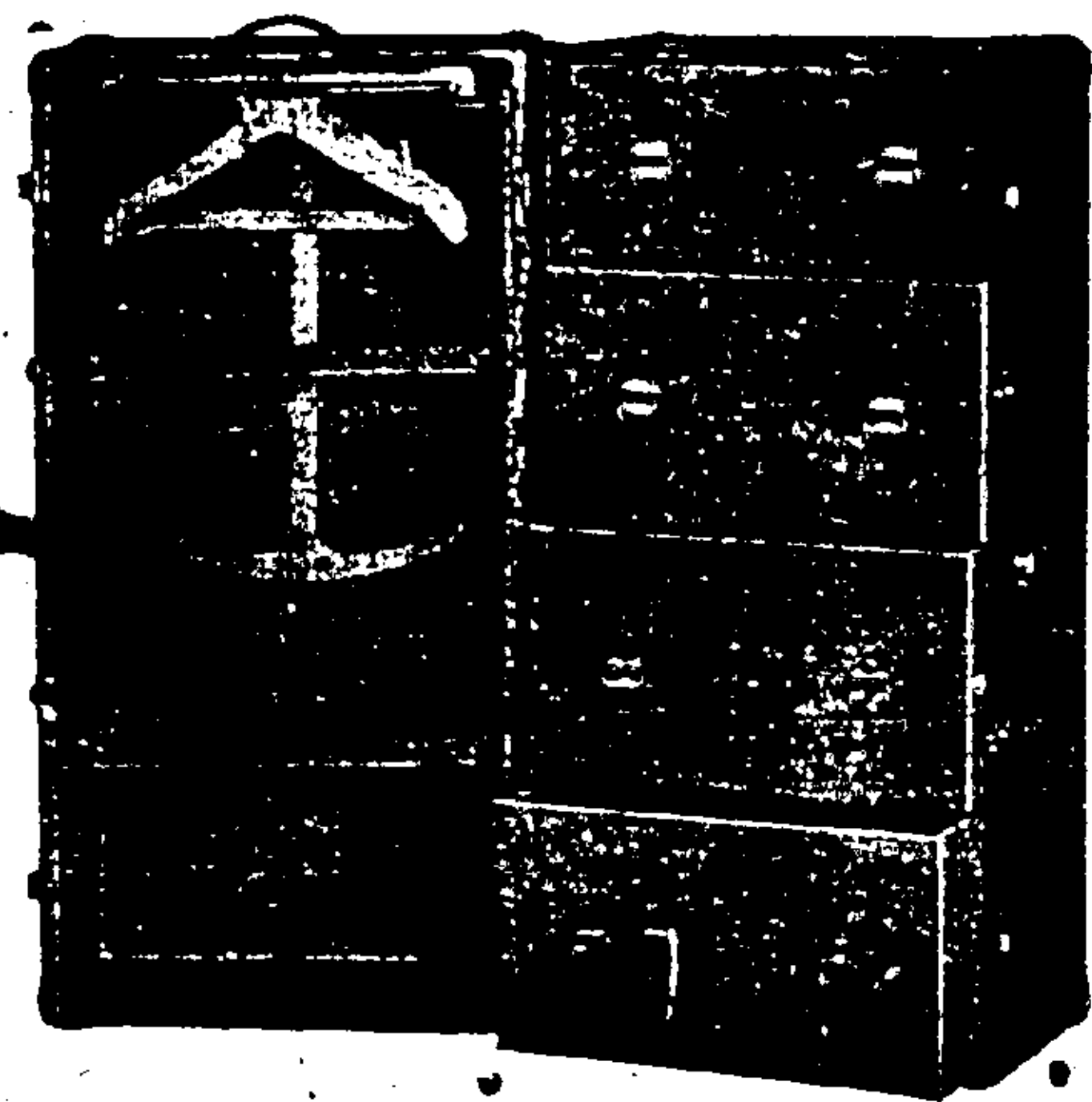
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LOOTED PALACES OF EUROPE.

SEARCH FOR STOLEN TREASURES

Hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of art treasures have been stolen from the Royal palaces and great mansions on the Continent and the loot brought to England and America by refugees and traffickers, said an official of the British Antique Dealers' Association to a *Daily Chronicle* representative recently.

Amongst articles stolen is the crown of the Emperor Francis. To protect the dealer in England from this traffic the Association Council are devising plans to stop the thieves from selling their stolen goods. The police at Scotland Yard are also aiding the searchers for some of these treasures, more particularly those which were stolen from Austria. How the losses became known is rather a curious story.

An Anglo-American syndicate of art dealers, with a capital of nearly three million pounds, had been projected to acquire some magnificent collections from the Royal palaces in Austria, if official recognition could be obtained for the negotiations. Lists of the works of art were compiled by the Austrian Government, but on later investigation it was found that these treasures could not all be found.

Not only has Vienna felt the loss of rare works of art. Refugees have brought into this country loot consisting of jewels, carvings, tapestry, and paintings, and a close watch is being kept upon any attempts to dispose of them.

France and Belgium as well as Russia, to some extent have suffered from the looting during the war, and an international search on systematic lines is to be carried out.

There are nearly 500 antique dealers of repute in this country who are willing to aid the investigators.

ASPIRIN PROFITS.

SUGGESTED SLIGHT OVERCHARGE.

Broadly speaking the present range of prices at which aspirin tablets are sold when allowance is made for increased cost of labour, etc., is not appreciably different from those prevailing before the war.

That is the conclusion of a sub-committee under the Profiteering Act, appointed to deal with price-costs, and profits, at all stages, of drugs and medicinal tablets. Their first report is confined to aspirin. The Committee say that the present price of 5d. per bottle of 25 five-grain tablets means a very narrow margin of profit to the retail pharmacist; but the retail price of 1s. and upwards (for 25 tablets), at which certain brands of aspirin are sold is excessive, and that 10d. would give a reasonable profit to all concerned.

KISSING A GIRL IN THE STREET.

At North London Police Court recently, before Mr. Cairns, Albert Edwin Amor, 21, said to be a demobilised officer, of Gledsmuir-road, Highgate, was charged with assaulting Eileen Edith Willoughby, aged 13, by kissing her at Dunlace-road, Hackney, on a Tuesday evening. The defendant admitted kissing the girl, but said that he did so as a friendly action, she having answered his inquiries about a street he was looking for. The girl complained to a policeman and he was arrested. He did not at the time think there was any harm in kissing a little girl. Mr. Cairns told the defendant that had he believed he had any other intention in kissing the girl he would have sent him to prison. As it was he would have to pay 40s. and 12s. costs.

SAD STORY.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A pathetic story was to-day related to Mr. R. O. Hutchison by a young Chinese who was before his Worship on a charge of attempting to commit suicide.

An Indian constable while on his beat in the Conduit Road locality yesterday morning came upon the man in the last stages of suffocation, produced by a rope with which he was suspending himself by the neck from the branch of a tree. The policeman cut him down, and the Police, after investigations into the matter, to-day asked the Magistrate to remand the case in order that it might be referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

When asked for an explanation of his conduct, the unhappy man told his Worship that in his youth he was sold by his parents to a family in Fukien, and when they went abroad he had to shift for himself. He had been to Singapore and came into this Colony to seek his parents. He discovered that his father was dead, and that an elder brother had gone away from the Colony. So to his mind there was nothing worth living for, and he endeavoured to do away with himself by committing suicide.

DENNISTON SEASON

It was a very delighted audience which left the Theatre Royal last night after the repeat performance by the Denniston Players of that screamingly funny farce, "Up in Mabel's Room." The story of the search for an elusive piece of lingerie is now well known to Hongkong, and last night the Company made an even bigger hit, if possible, than on the opening night. All the members of the cast taking part threw themselves with zest into the merry-making, and the production was a huge success.

So many plays nowadays deal with problems that cause a natural hesitation on the part of some people as to the advisability of attendance that it is indeed refreshing to have the opportunity of seeing a clean comedy, like "Baby Mine," which the Denniston players are performing to-night. Ashton Stevens, the celebrated critic, said recently in the *Chicago Examiner*: "Try an evening with Margaret Mayo's baby yell, and you will find it better than three weeks in a sanatorium." "Baby Mine" is really delightfully funny. Margaret Mayo so admirably constructed the play that it bristles with ideas that are ingenious and clever, with incidents following each other rapidly. The story might be told here, but that would be anticipating the enjoyment and giving away the surprises that the play never fails to create. "Baby Mine" ran for a solid year at Daly's Theatre, New York and is meeting with enormous success in London, where it has already run 350 nights at Sir Charles Wyndham's Criterion Theatre.

TWO SHEFFIELD MUSICIANS DEAD.

Two musicians well known in Yorkshire both died at Sheffield on the same day recently. Lieutenant Samuel Suckley, who was 75 years old, was formerly bandmaster of the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons, in which regiment he had served since 1856, beginning as a drummer boy at the age of 11. He had been conductor of the Sheffield Choral Union and the Collegiate Orchestra Society. Mr. J. A. Rodgers, who died after a brief illness at the age of 54, for several years had been chorus master of the Sheffield Musical Festival. For many years he was director of the Sheffield Musical Society. He had been organist at several Sheffield churches, latterly at St. Mark's and was known as a music critic and lecturer.

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Hopsang	J. M. Co.	May 10
Laisang	J. M. Co.	May 10
Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	May 11
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Tatsuno M.	N. Y. K.	May 11
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Chipsang	J. M. Co.	May 13
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Hailong	D. L. Co.	May 14
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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI	Hopsang	Mon, 10th May at d'light.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
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For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	Sunning	6th May at 4 p.m.

For	Steamers	To Sail
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For	Steamers	To Sail
AMOY, SHAI & PUKOW	Suiyang	11th May at 4 p.m.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	13th May at noon.

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From London, the Blue Funnel
vessel AJAX came in this morn-

ing with 2,833 tons of flour, cotton,
oil seeds and hides, and 2 tons of
machinery and cycles. She

carried no mails. Mooring, A 4.
From Middlesbrough there
arrived this morning the BEN-

DORAN with 3,000 tons of gen-
eral merchandise for the North,
and about 1,500 tons for Hong-

kong. Her agents are Messrs.
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From Haiphong the Russian

Volunteer Fleet's ERWAN de-
livered yesterday 2,400 tons of
coal.

From Hongay the Chinese
vessel SHINPEING consigned
here 2,400 tons of coal. Mooring,
C 41.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. INABA M.
(European Line) left London for
this port via Suez on the 9th

April, and is expected here on
the 19th May.

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pool for this port via Suez, on



A NEW SLEEVE.



The dress sketched above is of heavy Georgette in a soft grey with bands of sequins applied on the inside so that they are veiled by the Georgette. Incidentally, the gown exhibits a new sleeve and one that promises to be as popular as the very short sleeve has been.

It is of *Artemisia* type, but with much fullness to the whole held out by an inside cord, then this fullness is drawn into and formed of the spiral binding which is stretched a bit along its lower edge, so that it flares, and it is *chiffoné*—folded. The waist is fitted with a deeper girth with an outstanding fold of the *Groenland*, and *Groenland* is effective, by sitting about the crown with clusters of *crucies*.

FOOLISH GENERALITIES.

Moralists have asserted often of late that, socially, we women are not as nice as we once were: neither so moral, so modest, nor so well mannered, writes Kathleen L. Murray in the *Evening Standard*. We are, they assert, lacking in reticence, in conversation we nibble at the forbidden apples of thought; our dancing and our dressing are both open to criticism, and we have become far too familiar with divorce. Worst of all, we wear that is taken as the last and greatest proof of our depravity. No nice woman, they conclude, would use swear words.

Now, it is foolish to generalise in this way, when, on every hand, we see perfectly nice women doing most of the things of which we are censorious and disapprove. We all know women with thoroughly moral qualities of kindness, charity, tolerance, and generosity who, on emergency, can produce a variety of epithets that would have made our grandmothers shudder. On the other hand, our great-great grandmothers wouldn't have turned a hair of their powdered heads. They had some fine rousing expressions of their own, and permitted themselves a far greater licence of speech than we do today.

The moralists who set a standard almost invariably set: a Victorian, or even a Cromwellian one, forgetting that these standards are not really of moral, but of custom. Human nature never changes, but custom does, every decade or so. Besides an era of puritanism always ushers in one of greater laxity. The ladies of the Restoration laughed at Congreve's plays—which the censor would certainly not permit us to do!

Most of the smartest frocks seen here to-day had very full short skirts, short sleeves and rounded necklines of various depths. The smartest of all was of brown taffeta veiled with brown maline, tucked to the waist line above a deep hem. There were bands of brown velvet ribbon about two inches in width, placed almost together at the waist; fine and falling over the skirt straight to the hem. The bodice was covered in the same way, giving the effect of a sheer material striped with velvet. The tiny puff sleeves were of brown net finished with a heading of the net. A metal brocade hat of brown and gold had a wealth of brown paradise sweeping the shoulders, for paradise is not forbidden plumage in this land, and the majority of the hats worn are laden with it.

Have you noticed that many wellgowned women are wearing their wrist watches on a grey grosgrain or moire ribbon? Everybody seems possessed of a diamond wrist watch, and it is the latest fad to wear it on a grey ribbon.

It is paying attention to trifles such as these that earns for a woman the reputation of being well dressed, and how surprisingly quick fads and fancies are to travel the world over. One sees here jewels as lovely as could be found anywhere and in settings that are still novel on the *rue de la Paix*. With the exception of a penchant for long earrings there is little difference between the jewelry worn here and in either America or Europe.

It is the little accessories that are impressive in watching a group of dancers. The women who present the best appearance almost invariably wear black hats, either soft velvet with flattering lines or a satin or fabric faced straw. There are gold lace hats and small draped cloths of gold or metallic turbans, with billows of tulle veiling them, but these are not as smart as the all black hat, whether it is paradise trimmed or not. Almost invariably the shoes are black, with a goodly percentage having the ankle straps and various trappings dear to the French shoemaker. With the exaggerated skirt that is full as well as short the shortvamp shoe seems peculiarly at home. But how stubby and queer it looks with a long and relative tight skirt!

Naturally one's type should be considered as well as one's frocks in deciding whether to accept or turn a cold shoulder toward the short vamp shoe. But that is always the final test, and it is the woman who knows her type and dresses it who carried off the palm.

HOW TO CHOOSE DIAMONDS

As there is a rush on diamonds just now, some hints given by an expert are worth repeating. Always examine diamonds by daylight, he said. A novice can easily be deceived by a white sapphire flashing under electric lights and mirrors. Clever "paste" imitations can be detected by looking at the back of the stone, which will reveal the mirror backing, whereas a real diamond is transparent. To obtain the best flash, see that the setting is of the "claw" type, but ask your jeweller to overhaul the claws occasionally, as the gems are apt to work loose. See that your jeweller gives you a properly worded receipt with a guarantee.

JUTTINGS.

BEAD DECORATIONS.
Wooden beads are extensively used as decorations for handbags, hats and even blouses and dresses. Most of these beads are brilliantly coloured, while others are in natural wood. The sizes are as varied as the colours.

A MERE BAGATELLE.
The revived vogue for "chain" bags is being elaborated for the benefit of those who have more money than they know what to do with. The latest idea is to have the mesh as fine as possible with a design in gold and platinum, after which the entire surface of the bag is studded with diamonds, with an all-diamond mount as a finish.

JAZZ LETTERS.
The woman of fashion has quite discarded white and cream note-paper nowadays. Nor does her wonderful writing-table show delicate tints instead. The colour craze provides an excuse for the most brilliant hues. One lady was recently startled to receive a letter, the envelope of which showed orange, red and black, and was sealed with green wax!

NOVEL POWDER PUFFS.
Long-handled powder-puffs for use on the back, which have recently appeared in the shops, are a logical corollary to the latest fashions. They are reminiscent of the "back-scratchers" of a hundred and fifty years ago, which we have always regarded as relics of a barbarous past. They were sometimes of beautiful workmanship, however, and studded with jewels. Some were in the form of a hand, with the fingers curved in the act of scratching and made of ivory. Others were made in the shape of forks with two or three prongs. They are still met with occasionally, in antique shops, though but few seem to have survived the passage of years to testify against the state of society in which they were made and used.

A MUSTARD TRAP.

A peculiar shade of mustard yellow, reminiscent of the "greenery" gallery's crowd, is much in evidence among the new spring colours. It is seen in hats, coats, and all kinds of materials for evening wear including a gorgeous velvet and chiffon brocade. As not one woman in a thousand can wear it successfully, there will be some awful howlers made in the near future, one fears.

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